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HIGH PRICES, FOOD STORES, WAGE INCREASES. COLLECTIVIZATION IN THE SATELLITES

HIGH PRICES REPORTED IN BULGARIA -- Istanbul, Yeni Sabah, 29 Oct 53

Vienna, 28 October (Nafen) -- According to reports from Bulgaria, a serious food shortage there has resulted in new price increases. Refugees report that a kilogram of black bread costs close to one Turkish lira in Sofia and even more elsewhere. For example, in Nova Zagora, the price is more than 2 Turkish lira. Meat prices are already beyond range of the people and are still rising; in Sofia, a kilogram of lamb, for example, is approximately 10 Turkish lira.

Clothing prices have also risen. A topcoat, an overcoat, and a man's suit each cost more than 500 Turkish lira, while a medium-quality shirt costs 100 Turkish lira.

GASTRONOM FOOD STORES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 10 Oct 53.

Three food stores of the type known in the USSR as Gastronoms will be opened in Prague. They are located on Na Prikope ulica, Nadrazni trida in Smichov, and on the main square (Namesti) in Nusle. Other large Gastronoms will be established in Gottwaldov and Trinec in the Ostrava region. By next spring, more than 15 Gastronoms will operate in Czechoslovakia.

SALARY INCREASE FOR HUNGARIAN MINERS -- Paris, Echo des Mines et de la Metallurgie,

The Hungarian Cabinet has just published a decree increasing miners' wages an average of 10 percent. The minimum salary of an underground miner will be 1,521 florins per month, or 45,630 francs. The decree stipulates that production bonuses shall be likewise increased. For operations involving importent individual responsibility, a bonus amounting to 85 percent of the base salary will be paid when production passes 105 percent of the quota. Surface and underground workers engaged in loading operations and machine maintenance will

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have their salaries increased by about 15 percent. Workers having a double qualification will have monthly base salaries raised automatically by 10 percent. In addition to working clothes, underground miners will also receive free undergarments.

COLLECTIVE FARMS INCREASE IN RUMANIA -- Nicosia, Neos Dimokratis, 10 Oct 53

Collectivization increased in Rumania in the last 18 months. Last year, over 44,000 farmers entered collective farms voluntarily and another 42,000 from 300 towns decided to set up new collective farms. In the last 4 years, over 280,000 families joined 1,966 collective farms and 2,000 joined TOZ throughout the country.

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